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Mr. Jeff Morales Director CALTRANS, 1120 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Mr. Garland Hagan

Federal-aid Branch, Room 3500

SUBJECT: SBCAG 2001 FTIP Amendment No. 4

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Amendment No. 4 to its FY2000/01 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this Santa Barbara County Association of Governments amendment was developed based on a continuing. cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.126 and/or §93.127].

The actions documented in this amendment do not effect the conformity determination for the 2000/01 FTIP. Therefore, we find this FTIP to be in conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP)

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SBCAG's 2000/01 TIP Amendment into California's 2000 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This programming approval is for those projects in the first three years (FY (01, 02 & 03) of the FTIP and we accept those projects in the fourth year and beyond for informational purposes only.

Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

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